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Dennis McLerran  
Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Seattle, Washington 98101

Dear Mr. McLerran:

As you may be aware, I am the Upper Columbia River/Lake Roosevelt (UCR/LR) Lead Departmental Official for the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior). As such, I am responsible for the coordination of Interior activities associated with (spell out) CERCLA response and restoration activities. Interior has six bureaus actively participating in land and natural resource management activities at the UCR/LR site. The majority of the UCR/LR shoreline is managed as part of the National Park Service's Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area. Grand Coulee Dam is operated by Interior's Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau of Land Management manages various parcels of land in the UCR/LR watershed. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has trust responsibilities for migratory birds and federally listed species inhabiting the UCR/LR. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has trust responsibilities for the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation and the Spokane Tribe of Indians. Interior's U.S. Geological Survey has been conducting research on the UCR/LR for more than 30 years.

As a result of these activities, Interior has a vested interest in CERCLA activities in the UCR/LR, and because of these various and diverse responsibilities, it is imperative that Interior officials coordinate and review federal activities at the UCR/LR with EPA's regional officials. Therefore, I propose establishing an annual federal family meeting between our agencies. Some potential items Interior would like to discuss with EPA include a review of the scheduled RI/FS activities, review of 2006 Settlement Agreement, an update on Natural Resource Trustee activities, the use of non-conventional investigations in the RI/FS, and potential future response activities at Young America Mill and Bossburg Flats sites.

Interior serves as both a Participating Party as part of the ongoing Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study and as a Natural Resource Trustee for damage assessment and

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restoration activities. Interior's Authorized Official for the Natural Resource Trustee Council is the Bureau of Reclamation Pacific Northwest Regional Director, Ms. Lorri Lee. I would suggest that she also be part of our federal family dialogue. As the resulting clean-up and restoration actions develop, it is important for our agencies to coordinate our efforts.

Interior would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you and your staff this spring. Karen Washington of my staff will be in contact with your office to confirm possible dates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine Lehnertz".

Christine S. Lehnertz  
Regional Director, Pacific West Region